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# PRESS RELEASE

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**RE: UNITED STATES v. PAUL R. DELMONTE**

United States Attorney Michael A. Battle announced today that Paul R. DelMonte, age 53, of 108 Pebble Shore Drive, Naples, Florida, and formerly of Hamburg, New York, pled guilty before Hon. Richard J. Arcara, United States District Judge, to one count of an Information charging him with loan fraud, violating Title 18, United States Code, Section 1014, a felony that carries a maximum penalty of 30 years imprisonment, a fine of \$1,000,000, or both.

Assistant U.S. Attorney William J. Gillmeister, who handled the case, stated that the defendant, DelMonte, admitted that he participated in obtaining a \$109,000 loan from Manufacturers and Traders Trust Company to finance a sham sale of a recreational vehicle and that he engaged in other relevant fraudulent conduct.

The guilty plea was the culmination of an investigation on the part of the Federal Bureau of Investigation under the supervision of Peter Ahearn, Special Agent in Charge, Buffalo Division.

Sentencing is scheduled for September 24, 2004, at 12:30 p.m. in front of Hon. Richard J. Arcara, United States District Judge.

